



Northeast Regional  
Field Office

April 29, 2004  
To: Surface Transportation Board  
Re: Docket No. AB-167 (Sub-No.1095X)

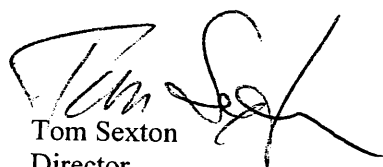
Motion to postpone final decision

The Northeast Office of Rails-to-Trails Conservancy requests the Surface Transportation Board (STB) postpone authorizing the Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NS) to fully abandon or sell the Enola Low Grade Line until NS has actually complied with the Memoranda of Agreement (MOA) dated April 12, 2004. When the railroad has notified the STB that it has complied with the MOA, the STB should then give the parties notice and an opportunity to comment before authorizing Norfolk Southern to consummate the abandonment.

The County has made and is continuing to make tremendous efforts to bring all parties into agreement and to preserve the Corridor intact. Just recently, on March 31, 2004 Lancaster County adopted a Resolution (No. 27 attached) to establish an intergovernmental cooperation agreement to the eight municipalities, whose intent would be the preservation of the corridor. Along with the county accepting liability for the corridor, the Resolution includes compensation to the municipalities and to the Railroad for costs incurred in the transfer of the Enola Low Grade to the County. The County has held and is continuing to hold public meetings in each municipality in order to explain Resolution #27 and their plan for creating and maintaining a trail along the corridor. The county has even sponsored entire bus tours to take citizens and township supervisors to visit successful trails in adjoining counties.

Because of the good faith exemplified by the Commissioners of Lancaster Co, we hope the STB will look favorably on our motion.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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